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# THE ADVOCATE OF PEACE.

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ON EARTH PEACE. . . NATION SHALL NOT LIFT UP SWORD AGAINST NATION, NEITHER SHALL THEY LEARN WAR ANY MORE.

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## PEACE OPERATIONS AT THE WEST.

In every enterprise, whether of benevolence or reform, the West is destined to become in time the chief field of labor and of hope. So we have long regarded it in the cause of Peace, but have hitherto been unable to attempt much on this vast field, teeming with so many possibilities of good and of evil. Before the Mexican war we did very little; and though during its progress, and soon after its close, we employed several agents there, we did only a mere fraction of what was needed. During the late rebellion we could do still less; but taught by its bitter experience, the public mind there, as in other parts of our country, must in time, if not already, be opened to a more earnest and favorable consideration of a subject so vital as this to the welfare of our country and the world.

In this exigency God has raised up a man that we deem peculiarly fitted for this work at the West, Rev. AMASA LORD. Long an earnest friend of our cause, thoroughly imbued with its spirit, familiar with its aims, principles and measures, and ready for toil and sacrifices in its service, accustomed from early manhood to such labors, and well known at the West by his long and successful advocacy of a kindred enterprise, we congratulate our friends, both East and West, on finding such a man to take charge of our WESTERN DEPARTMENT.

There is no need of our commending Mr. Lord to the confidence of those at the West who have known him so long and so well; but we cannot refrain from earnestly bespeaking for him the sympathy, prayers and active support of good men, friends of God and man, in the blessed but difficult and arduous work he is undertaking. Without your co-operation, cordial and active, he can expect little success; but with it, and the promised blessing of God, he may hope in time for much success.

This cause, though in fact as old as Christianity itself, may seem to many quite new. To millions even of professed followers of the Prince of Peace, we fear it is so; but to all honest, candid minds it will, on fair and full inquiry, commend itself, we doubt not, as worthy of their cordial, zealous support. We ask for it nothing more, nothing less than it really deserves, and protest chiefly against its being thrown aside without due inquiry into its merits. There has hitherto been a strange degree of ignorance or misconception on the subject; and we now ask the Christian, the Philanthropist and the Patriot to give it at length a candid,

earnest, thorough examination of its claims. We will help you in this by our agents, our Periodical and our other publications, and request in return that, if you find the cause worthy of support, you will join us in our efforts to push it onward to that glorious consummation which assuredly awaits it on the coming better days of the church and the world.

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## THE PEACE CAUSE AT THE WEST.

Having resigned my Agency for the American Bible Society, with which I have been connected for nearly thirty years, to accept the office of Western Secretary of the American Peace Society for the States west of New York and Pennsylvania, I embrace this method of laying before the readers of the *Advocate* some of our plans for promoting the cause of Peace on this magnificent field, and for soliciting their co-operation.

I am well aware of the difficulties of the work, and of my inability to accomplish anything in it alone. But I am equally well satisfied that God is on our side, and that, with the co-operation of his children, a change of public sentiment with regard to war can be produced, akin to that which has taken place with regard to duelling, intemperance and slavery, and by the same method, viz., the application of truth, especially of *Gospel* truth, to the evil in question. If strong faith in the justness and importance of the Peace cause, a willingness to make sacrifices for its promotion, a comprehensive system of operating, and patient, persevering efforts for this cause, will avail anything, then I may hope not to labor without success.

Our head-quarters and principal depository for the West will be in Chicago, and, for the present, at No. 7 Custom House Place, where letters designed for me may be directed, and where the publications of the Peace Society may be obtained.

We propose to introduce a system of Colportage similar to that pursued by the American Tract Society, with this variation, however, that all our Colporteurs will at the same time be soliciting Agents. In this work we can employ those who have not been accustomed to address public congregations, ladies as well as gentlemen, and the number will be limited only by the number of well qualified persons who can be found and sustained.

We want, also, a large number of Agents qualified to preach or lecture on the cause of Peace, and willing to